

Species 4a, drawn to the fluid drop steering device located within the fluid chamber; and

Species 4b, drawn to the fluid drop steering device located removed from the fluid chamber;

Sub-species

Sub-species 5a, drawn to a fluid drop steering device being a paddle if species 1a is elected;

Sub-species 5b, drawn to the mechanical actuator being a valve if species 1a is elected;

Sub-species 6a, drawn to a heater located outside the chamber if species 1b is elected; and

Sub-species 6b, drawn to a heater located inside the chamber if species 1b is elected.

REMARKS

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Species 1b, Sub-species 6b. Applicants submit that claims 1 and 6-12 read on Species 1b, Sub-species 6b with claims 1 and 6 being generic to Species 1b. This election is made with traverse.

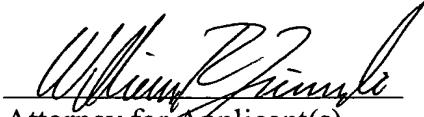
Applicants traverse the Examiner's position that the application currently contains no generic claims. Applicants submit that currently pending claims 1, 22, and 24 are generic to all of the species and subspecies described above. As such, Applicants request examination of claims 1, 6-12, 22, and 24 if the election/restriction requirement is made final by the Examiner.

Applicants also traverse the Examiner's position that the species require a burdensome search. These species have already been searched by the Examiner in the office action mailed September 18, 2006. As such, Applicants submit that the search of these species is no more burdensome now than it was previously.

Applicants respectfully submit that currently pending independent claim 1 remains generic to all species and sub-species. Accordingly, if claim 1 is determined to be present in allowable form, Applicants request consideration of

claims 2-5, 13-21, 23, 25, and 26 which read on additional species and depend from claim 1.

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